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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to Japan 3296226, which is listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of Japan 3296226 is enclosed.

Japan 3296226 is discussed in the specification at page 1 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein. An English-language abstract for Japan 3296226 also is enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office

Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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